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John Scali of ABC reports that at a luncheon yesterday with Aleksandr S. Fomin of the Soviet Embassy Fomin again raised the question, "Why doesn't Secretary of State Rusk come to Moscow?" Scali said that Fomin, who incidentally returned only recently from a trip to Moscow, raised the question with a great deal of emphasis, causing a

Fomin remarked several times how highly respected the Secretary is in Moscow.

Scali said Fomin was gloomy about test ban possibilities, "crossed" the Russians on the [redacted] He maintained that Ambassador Dean "and others" in the U.S. Government had agreed to accept the 2 or 3 inspections but when the proposition was put forward the Administration reneged. Scali said he doubted that Ambassador Dean had agreed to 2 or 3 inspections but Fomin insisted that not only Dean but others had also agreed.

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